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An adjourned meeting of the Council of the Town of Bedford, Virginia, from the April 20, 2015, regular meeting was held in the Council Hall of the Municipal Building at 6:00 p.m., April 20, 2015.

Members present: Mayor Robert T Wandrei, Councilman Tim Black; Councilman Robert D. Carson; Councilman Stacey L. Hailey; Vice Mayor Steve C. Rush; and Councilman James A. Vest

Members absent: Councilman Beckham A. Stanley

Staff present: Town Manager Charles P. Kolakowski; Town Attorney W. W. Berry, IV; and Clerk of the Council Teresa W. Hatcher

Town Manager Kolakowski stated there have been discussions and meetings concerning the Electric Utility and this meeting is just a continuation of that process. Mr. Kolakowski said the meeting is to discuss current issues facing the utility and the utility's future.

Councilman Vest gave members of Council the last study on the comparison of electric bills.

The Town Manager explained the need for Circuit 1 rehabilitation. Mr. Kolakowski said the project is something that is proposed for reliability and for prevention of line loss. He said this is an improvement to the system which has been identified in a number of studies both internally and externally as being one of the more important that needs to be addressed. Mr. Kolakowski stated it is proposed to have the project done as a single project rather than a multi-year project because of mobilization costs. The Town Manager explained that the initial proposed financing of the project would be through AMP Ohio.

Town Manager Kolakowski said that financing has been discussed with AMP Ohio and they are looking for an authorization from Council to move forward with this. Council would need to authorize advertising for the borrowing for this particular project. Mr. Kolakowski said that once the borrowing is advertised by Council, it would be sent to AMP Ohio, at which time they would approve it. Council would then do a budget amendment to the current year projects so this could be awarded and have it accomplished before the end of the next fiscal year. The Town Manager said the total cost of the project would be \$675,000.

Discussion ensued with members of Council asking questions about the proposed project.

Mayor Wandrei stated that what the Town Manager wants is for authorization from Council to proceed with obtaining financing from AMP Ohio. The Mayor said Council would advertise for a public hearing, have the public hearing, and a decision would then be made.

Town Manager Kolakowski said Council will be advertising for the public hearing to be held on May 12, 2015, for the borrowing. AMP Ohio will be notified that the public

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hearing was held and Council authorized the borrowing. AMP Ohio will approve the borrowing – subsequent to that, the budget will be amended to include the funds so that Council can authorize the expenditures in the current fiscal year. Mr. Kolakowski said that at this meeting, the only thing for Council to authorize was the advertising for borrowing the funds.

Vice Mayor Rush moved that Council go ahead and proceed. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hailey.

Discussion ensued regarding the financing, anticipated return on investment, and other projects.

Mayor Wandrei restated the motion on the floor: to allow Town Manager Kolakowski to go forward with the line of credit and to do whatever is necessary to obtain such a line of credit. The Mayor said that advertising for the borrowing is a forgone conclusion.

The motion was then voted upon and carried by the following roll call vote:

Councilman Black	aye
Councilman Carson	aye
Councilman Hailey	aye
Vice Mayor Rush	aye
Councilman Stanley	absent
Councilman Vest	aye
Mayor Wandrei	aye

The Town Manager reviewed some of the recommendations in the Bedford Virginia Electric Distribution System – Performance Assessment Finance Report (dated January 9, 2015): Hiring of a General Manager for the Electric Department.

The Mayor suggested that the Electric Committee go over the General Manager applications, proceed from that point, and bring it forward to Council.

Mr. Kolakowski said the Electric Committee could meet before the Finance Committee prior to the next meeting.

The Town Manager continued the review of the recommendations in the report.

Town Manager Kolakowski said there will need to be a meeting fairly soon of the entire Council on some power purchase recommendations, which is the next and very important particular topic for Council to be considering.

After a discussion, Mayor Wandrei suggested that an item be put on the agenda every other meeting to discuss an update of Electric Department status; start off with the second meeting in May; and make it at the second meeting of each succeeding month thereafter to get an update on the recommendations in the report.

Mayor Wandrei adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.